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EASTERN NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.

A Missing Man

PROVIDENCE, March 21.—A Boston lumber and grain dealers on West Market Square, has been missing since the 11th inst. Liabilities, $20,000.

Sherman & Co's Bankruptcy

NEW YORK, March 21.—Judge Barrett in the case of Roebling, Sherman & Co., in the Supreme Court, has refused to vacate the order of arrest against the defendants.

Fleeting Character.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—Nathan Cole, who was arrested in this city during part of the late Republican Convention at Washington by order of Internal revenue officer Mayer, was a member of the house of representatives, was a member of the house of representatives, was a member of the house of representatives

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CITY.

Local Option.—There appears to be a strong effort on foot to have the city districted with a view of having local option elections, which make a practice of resulting in favor of saloons, who make a practice of resulting in favor of saloons, whether they may have to or not. Whether they may have to or not, even after nightfall without noal ence or disorder. During the past week we have heard of a number of instances where ladies were insulted by these fellows, or followed. In one evening two young ladies who were followed by a strange man for some distance. The girls became frightened and started home. The villain however managed to log their footsteps until the house was reached and he even went in the door. More than half inclined to enter the house, but more than half inclined to enter the house. Other instances of a similar character have occurred, where married and single women have been subjected to these insults. The frequency with which these indignities occur and the bold conduct of these fellows demand attention, and if such practices are persisted in some dastardly villain will be made an example of at the hands of justice. Single ladies, husbands or brothers should take heed.

Sporting Events.—At last it is somewhat certain that there seems to be about ended. Some one or two years months since the plaintiff A. J. Knott, commenced his suit against Joseph Knott of this city, for a dissolution of partnership alleged to have existed between the said A. J. Knott and his sons, A. J. and D. Knott, for a settlement of the affairs of the firm and for an accounting on the part of Joseph Knott, who has had possession and control of the partnership property since the formation of the partnership. The property involved in the litigation is valued at from one to two hundred thousand dollars. Soon after the commencement of the suit the case was referred to Mr. Syl C. Simpson, as whom and who acted as referee, to hear the testimony and try the case. After taking more than two months' time of testimony, and hearing a full argument of the attorneys engaged in the case, the referee to-day filed his report, finding for the plaintiff and declaring the existence of the partnership.

Willamette University.—A correspondent writing from Salem sends the following on the above educational institution: "I received a letter from 'Chanute' Kansas, stating about one Robert McIntock used to have been drowned in this vicinity, and whose death was published in the Portland papers. If you know of any such man having been drowned, please let me know the particulars that I may communicate through my friend to the family of said McIntock, being a wife and daughter.

Senator Kelly and Mr. Lane.—A correspondent writing from Washington under a late date, says: "Senator Kelly although very quiet, has the high esteem and consideration of all who know him. He, like a good many, either walks to the capitol and departments, or takes a street car. His home is pleasant, and Oregonians find a kind reception by his wife and her sister. Mr. Lane has been quite unwell during much of his stay here. He is the same affable, pleasant gentleman we knew in Oregon."

Membership Increased.—At the last communication held at the First Congregational church eight new members were added to that church on profession of faith. The ordinance of baptism was administered to six of these new members. Six of those who presented themselves for admission to the church were young men, none of whom were over 18 years of age. The scene is said to have been an unusually interesting one.

A Wet Subject.—Early yesterday morning Sheriff Dale, of Yamhill, while attempting to leap from the steamer *Beaver* to the dock at the foot of Washington street missed his foot-hold and fell into the river. Fortunately for him a crowd happened to be standing near on the corner might have had a melancholy story to tell. The valiant guardian of order was fished out with considerable difficulty, a wiser, and by all odds a wetter man.

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To Masters.—All those attending the Masters' Association are requested to give their name and character assumed on blanks and to accompany admission ticket and to the same, thus identify themselves to the [illegible] that they will not be a hindrance to the [illegible] cautions are taken to prevent objectionable persons from entrance to the hall.

Social.—Every preparation has been made for a "way up" time at the Hall street church this evening. An excellent programme has been prepared consisting of [illegible] &c., after which a bountiful repast will be served for those desiring it. Admission, 25 cents; supper 25 cents.

Board of Trustees.—The regular meeting will be held at the room this evening. Board of Firemen to confer with the executive committee in reference to the engine prizes to be given in connection with the [illegible] parade.

New Steamer.—The Oregon Steam Navigation Company's new steamer Annie Stewart, Captain Ainsworth, will leave for the Upper Columbia and Snake river this morning at 7 o'clock.

Shipping Intelligence.—Up to a late hour last night the passengers per the ships of Peabody, Wilkes & Co. were all out unless [illegible] accidents.

Ship Big Bonanza.—The first ship of the Alaska Packers' Association, which has been [illegible] by the recent death of an aunt in Pennsylvania, "George is a mighty good man," and has scores of friends all of whom will be highly gratified to learn of his fortune. Our corpulent friend declares that there is no mistake about it, and of course he ought to know.

Information Wanted.—Capt. McGovern of Oakland has written the following letter to Captain Wakeman, which will explain itself: "I received a letter from 'Chanute' Kansas, stating about one Robert McIntock used to have been drowned in this vicinity, and whose death was published in the Portland papers. If you know of any such man having been drowned, please let me know the particulars that I may communicate through my friend to the family of said McIntock, being a wife and daughter.

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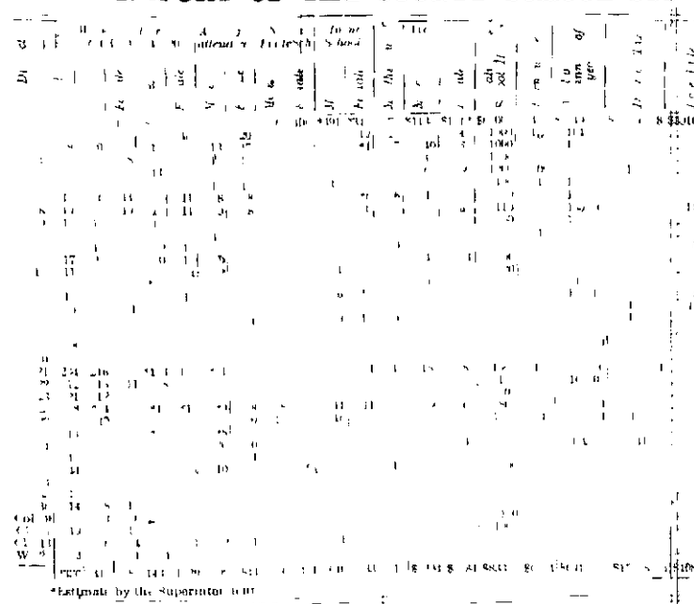
YE OLDE FOLKE'S SINGE.

Several days ago it became evident to those who were managing the Old Folks Concert, given at Masonic Hall last night, that they would be unable to accommodate the great number of people who desired to be present at the entertainment, as the hall was too small. The attendance last night proved that the fears of a lack of standing room were well founded, as the hall was packed full inside and the audience went away disappointed. The old folks concert is a general institution, and the opportunity of hearing them once more will be welcomed at the New Market Theatre next week, when a [illegible] entertainment will be rendered, it will be safe to say, fully equal to that of last night. The ladies and gentlemen who will participate in the concert have been practicing for some time, and the rehearsals have been held in the reserved seats.

Of the concert as given last night much that was said can only be guessed at. The lifestyle costumes and costumes were truly the most suggestive and attractive, and in truth they were the most striking view from the gallery. It is safe to say that have yet been seen in Portland. All the make up in stage parlance, of course, of the performers would do credit to old professionals of the stock and rushin. The parts selected for the occasion were fitly appropriate, and [illegible] of the characters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

REPORT OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.



*Estimate by the Superintendent

NOTES ON THE ABOVE TABLE

Total number [illegible] enrolled

Per cent enrolled [illegible]

Per cent of average attendance [illegible]

Per cent increase [illegible]

Per cent increase [illegible] schools

Number of [illegible] and ungraded schools

Number of [illegible] reading, school [illegible] enrolled and boarded [illegible]

Average number of months taught

Average salary of teachers (male)

Average salary of teachers (female)

Assessed property subject to taxation $40,149,75

Cost of tuition per enrolled scholar

Total cost of education [illegible]

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Whole number of school visits made by the Superintendent [illegible]

ITS NEED EXPLAINED

Increase of interest [illegible]

Increase of average attendance [illegible] enrolled

Per cent increase in private schools [illegible]

Number of [illegible] in the county schools [illegible]

Number of [illegible] and boarded [illegible] attending private schools [illegible]

Cost of tuition per enrolled scholar [illegible] month [illegible]

Cost of tuition per enrolled scholar for [illegible] months $1 75

[illegible] DAYS

The financial reports of the following districts [illegible] the following [illegible] house [illegible] by year [illegible] sub-total improvements ordered to be made by November 1st [illegible] District reserve levied by November 1st [illegible] 27, 30 [illegible] Districts in which marked improvement in the school is observed over last year [illegible] 3, 8, 12, 20, 21, 27, 30 [illegible] schools which in my judgment, have not done quite so well as in the preceding year 10 [illegible] 15 20 The remaining schools are as reported last year in good condition The following new districts have been organized [illegible] 31, 35 and 36 The establishment on the west side of the Sandy river where a number of families have settled during the past season Some of the districts have suffered materially by removals

During the year blanks for *Teachers' Reports* have been prepared by the State Board These are placed in every district, and suggest the manner in which records should be kept They are returned to the Superintendent's office at the close of each school term and furnish him valuable aid in checking irregularities, and making an estimate both [illegible] teachers ability and the attendance, deportment and standing of the scholars

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

The shifting character of many schools is a serious evil Almost every record shows a considerable number of names attending only a week or two, or with an irregularity that practically negatives the teachers efforts *Absenteeism* and *Tardiness* alone are found to waste one-third of the school funds of the county In the country schools these evils cannot be wholly prevented but there is no adequate reason for the fatal fatality, with which many families use the school month as a convenience for the children on the odd days when there is nothing else to do When the complaint is made 'My children have not learned anything' let the first duty of the Directors be to examine the record of attendance If that is broken a week in school and the next week out—it is useless to question further the source of slow progress I therefore urge all parents who desire the full benefit of the school for their children *to send them regularly* Even one day a week and of school is enough to distract a scholar's interest, and lose all time in momentum two or three days If the same teachers who have so conscientiously and labored to improve these schools during the past years, were questioned as to the chief difficulty they encounter they would name irregularity in attendance It is truly a formidable evil, and any measures calculated to remove it should meet with the gratitude of all who are interested in the economy and usefulness of our school system.

The *Teacher* should gain the hearts of the children in this matter By dwelling on the deep importance of regularity for its own sake and in part due to the teachers efforts by frequently showing them the record book to stimulate their pride and by rewards and penalties they can be brought over to the right side and will influence the feeling of the parent in the same direction There is something deeper than the loss of part of education involved in an irregular school It touches the habit of life and impresses the sense of obligation I would impress upon parents teachers and school visitors that no absence or tardiness without full necessity to account for it is unjust and should brand the name or sense of wounded honor and guilt that follows a protested note or broken word

Referring further to country schools I take the liberty of quoting the following suggestion from my annual report of 1874

The prevailing need is good and commodious well furnished school houses The large increase from the county school census late enterprise in the erection of these houses fully warrants the expectation of the school patron in many districts I hope application for improvement in accommodations for coming the season of ten [illegible] will [illegible] Remember [illegible] usually [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]